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) Art Unit: **1711**
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For: **STYRENE-FREE UNSATURATED
POLYESTER RESIN COMPOSITIONS
FOR COATING APPLICATIONS**

RESPONSE

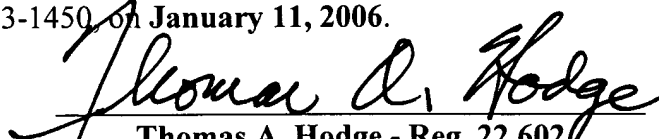
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Sir:

This Response is filed with reference to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2005.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the present application contains claims directed to certain patentably distinct species. The Examiner further states as follows:

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"Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1-20 and 25 are generic."

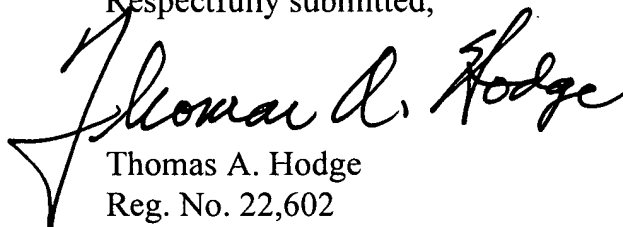
In the first instance, applicant traverses this election of species requirement, as the present invention is directed to a styrene-free, unsaturated polyester resin composition, and not to a specific curing agent.

However, as required by the Office Action, applicant elects the species identified in the Office Action as No. 1 --- a free-radical initiator---

Applicant submits that Claims 1-21 and 25 are generic to the elected species.

With this Response, applicant requests that this application be examined on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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